

REMARKS

Claims 11 and 18-21 are pending in this Application. Reconsideration of Claim 11 and 18-21 is respectfully requested. The Examiner's rejections will be considered in the order of their occurrence in the Official Action.

Section 1 of the Official Action

The Office Action objected to the drawings for failing to show the plurality of particulate matter contained within only a palm portion of the outer layer. The Applicant has added Figure 5 to the present application which is attached hereto.

Sections 2-3 of the Official Action

The Official Action rejected Claims 1, 11-16 and 18-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Stagnitta (U.S. Patent No. 6,374,417) in view of Shrier (U.S. Patent No. 3,236,553). The Applicant respectfully disagrees with this rejection for at least the following reasons.

Stagnitta discloses in Claim 1: "... at least an area portion of said glove structure overlaying said palm side; and substantially rigid protrusions extending outwardly of an outermost surface of said area portion..."

The Applicant discloses in Claim 11 (as amended): "... a plurality of particulate material contained within **only a palm portion** of said outer layer for facilitating gripping of a fish. ..." and in Claim 21 (as amended): "... a plurality of particulate material contained within **only a palm portion** of said outer layer for facilitating gripping of a fish...".

The Applicant specifically discloses a plurality of particulate material contained within only a palm portion while Stagnitta and Shrier fail to include this restriction. The Applicant's invention differs by having a plurality of particulate material only in a palm portion vs.

overlaying the palm portion (Stagnitta). By merely stating that the particulate material overlay the palm portion, Stagnitta encompasses a broad range of possibilities of gloves.

Also, Stagnitta discloses a food handling glove, wherein it may be necessary in certain food preparations that the food handling glove includes a plurality of particulate matter on an opposite side of the glove as the palm side. The Applicant expresses a need for a fisherman's glove where the plurality of particulate material **only** need be attached to the palm side of a glove. Including the plurality of particulate matter on an opposite side of the glove as the palm side would be unnecessary and possibly hinder the overall usage and efficiency of the fisherman's glove.

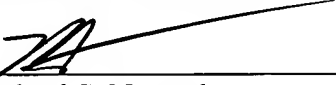
For these reasons, among others, the combination of Stagnitta with Shrier cannot suggest the combination of features in applicant's claims, and it is therefore submitted that the rejection against these claims should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited. Should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, they are invited to telephone the undersigned.

In addition, it is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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